



Mental Health Transformation Grant

Recovery Oriented and Trauma Informed Care System Hawai`i Department of Health

Local Service Area: State of Hawai`i

Primary Service Focus: Trauma and Justice

Secondary Focus: Jobs and Economy

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Evidence-Based Practice(s): Seeking Safety; Wellness Recovery Action Planning (WRAP); Peer Support; Supported Employment

Project Description: This project implements a trauma-informed system of care for the public mental health system of Hawai`i by building upon the skills of a statewide network of providers as well trained and certified consumer providers. This project serves adults (18 years and older) with severe and persistent mental illnesses (SPMI) such as schizophrenia spectrum, bipolar and major depressive disorders. The goals of this project are to: 1) apply a trauma-informed approach to services through universal trauma screening and assessment and the targeted trauma-specific intervention of Seeking Safety; and 2) strengthen the recovery orientation of the state mental health system through training, certification, and employment of consumers to provide trauma-informed peer-to-peer support. Objectives of this project are: 1) to train all providers in trauma-informed screening, assessment, and service delivery; 2) provide Seeking Safety intervention to approximately 600 consumers over the five-year grant; 3) train and certify a cadre of 70 consumer peer specialist skilled in the delivery of trauma-informed peer-to-peer support; and 4) assure the satisfaction, support and sustainability of these peer providers within a supported employment framework.